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SECOND STAGE, INTEGRATED FACILITY

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1. THE HELLENIC INDUSTRIAL AND MINING INVESTMENT COMPANY (HIMIC, SEE REF D FOR BACKGROUND) HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT IT PLANS TO ESTABLISH AN INTEGRATED SALTWORKS AND CHEMICAL FACILITY NEAR MESSOLONGHI IN WESTERN GREECE AND IS INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITIES FOR RECOVERY OF VALUABLE CHEMICALS FROM SALTWORKS BITTERNS AS WELL AS ESTABLISHING INDUSTRIES USING SALT AS RAW MATERIAL, AND SPECIFICALLY SODA ASH PRODUCTION. HIMIC IS THEREFORE SOLICITING PROPOSALS FROM U.S. ENGINEERING/CONSULTING FIRMS TO UNDERTAKE FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR RECOVERY OF CHEMICLAS, AS WELL AS FOR SODA ASH FACILITY.

2. EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO MR. S. PANAYOTOU, ADVISOR TO THE CHAIRMAN, HELLENIC INDUSTRIAL AND MINING INVESTMENT COMPANY S.A., 3 KORAI STREET, ATHENS 132, TELEX 21-9435.

3. REQUEST USDOC INFORM FIRMS LISTED IN REF B.

4. FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR EXPANSION OF MESSOLONGHI SALTWORKS TO ANNUAL CAPACITY OF 500,000 METRIC TONS
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WITHIN FIVE YEARS (SEE REF A) HAS BEEN GIVEN TO FRENCH

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